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Child play

Niagara College played host to as many as 1,000 people during the Open House on Sunday. People were shown the college facilities and informed about the programs available for students. The Open House was described as a tremendous success by Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and community relations. The atmosphere was not all formal.

Photo by Bome Matshuba

Only two in SAC race, all other jobs uncontested

By DAVID REMPEL
and NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Writers

Six of the seven positions in the April 19 SAC election have already been filled by acclamation — one more position than in last year's election.

Only the position of executive vice-president will be contested; Jamie Heath and Tammy Ayres, both first-year business administration students, are the only candidates.

The offices of president and five vice-presidents — social, internal and external affairs, finance and athletics — have been filled. Outgoing SAC president Jim Acsai will have another year on council after being named the internal affairs vice-president.

There will be an advance poll on April 18, a day before the elections, but Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, is not certain it will be necessary, as only one position is being contested.

"I don't know what is going on," she said. "There is so much student apathy here. I don't know how to get the students to run."

In 1988, 419 students voted for SAC. In 1989 only 351 students — 330 from the main campus and 21 from satellite campuses — turned out. If this trend continues, this election will see a record-low turn-out.

"The students had better not come out and complain about next year's council if they weren't interested in voting," Donna said.

Eleven nomination kits were picked up from SAC, but only two were returned.

Speeches from the two lone candidates for executive vice-president will be held on April 17 in the Hamilton Room. Elections will be held April 19, with polling stations in the Tecumseh Foyer, cafeteria and satellite campuses.

The position of vice-president of athletics has been filled by Dave Brouwer, a first-year Early Childhood Education student.

The position of Vice-President of Social Affairs has been filled by Shane Forsythe, a first-year business sales student.

The last two candidates failed to appear at the Niagara News offices for photographs and write-ups.

Abt ready for job

Cory Abt, a 19-year-old native of St. Catharines, won the position of SAC president by acclamation and is ready for the responsibilities awaiting him. He wants everyone to know that while he'll be busy with his duties on SAC and schoolwork, he won't be an invisible president.

"I want everyone to know that I'll always be available, and that the guys on council will be working hard," he said.

Cory, a first-year business administration student, was president of Beamsville High School last year, and has a working knowledge of what goes on on a student council.

He wants to ensure that the Student Centre will be completed on schedule and will serve the needs of Niagara College students.

"There will be a lot of business going on with this Student Centre and it'll take a lot of my time."

Asked whether he was excited to be president of SAC, Cory replied, "You'd better believe I'm excited."

CORY ABT
President

BILL POWELL
Finance VP

Bill Powell no contest

Bill Powell will be unchallenged for the position of vice-president of finance.

The 19-year-old business administration student said he is looking forward to working with the other members of SAC. Bill said his goal is to ensure that the next school year is successful.

Student apathy at Niagara College is a major concern for Bill who looks forward to seeing the completion of the proposed student centre. "I hope that the new student centre will encourage more student participation," he said.

As a member of the future SAC team, Bill's message to college students is "we hope to get everyone involved next year."

Academic changes

To promote growth, create efficiency

By BOME MATSHABA
Staff Writer

The number of academic directors at Niagara College has been increased from eight to 11 to promote growth, create efficiency and minimize increased cost, Dr. Anthony Knowles, vice-president of academics, said.

The changes which are scheduled to take effect before the end of the term were prompted among other reasons by the return of David Davies who has been named director of Hospitality and Tourism Division.

Mr. Davies left the college for a year-long unpaid leave. "His return enables us to go back to having the nine directors we had before he left."

In addition, two new divisions have been created: client services division headed by Gail Hilyer and continuing education division headed by Nancy Cain.

Dr. Knowles said the new organizational structures are oriented towards increasing college growth. "This is a fundamental premise if we are to achieve the financial goals that have been set to get us out of our deficit position over the next six years."

"The changes are a combination of arranging existing programs, assigning new duties and initiatives, and addressing some of the areas where we have some problems," he said.

The 11 academic divisions plus French Language Services which will continue to report directly to the vice-president, academic, have been given a mandate to work towards achieving the growth and quality education objectives of the college.

Dr. Knowles said there are no layoffs as a result of the plan.

SPECIFICALLY

Dennis Malone, English and Articulation Division, will be assigned half time as the college articulation facilitator; retain full-time post-secondary English; retains international EASL projects; and has his post-secondary programs transferred to Neil McGregor, in a newly-named Human Services Division.

Dave Davies, Hospitality and Tourism Division, is assigned as the director of the Hospitality and Tourism Division with a significant growth and change mandate within the parameters of a

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TAMMY AYERS
Executive VP candidate

JAMIE HEATH
Executive VP candidate

Seeking vice- presidency

Tammy Ayres is a first-year business administration student who has been nominated for executive vice-president of SAC.

Tammy, 19, of Lancton, Ont., who lives in Welland during the school year, said the reason she decided to run for SAC was to revitalize the council.

"I've always wanted to get involved in school. I have fresh ideas that can help SAC."

Tammy is on the budget advisory board for Niagara College,

Jamie Heath, 19, a first-year business administration student, said, if elected executive vice-president of SAC, he would not only look forward to working with his president, but sees it as a team effort. Therefore, he is stressing togetherness and team work. For the 1990-1991 academic year, it's going to be "better — more efficiency, dependability and reliability."

As a member of the executive of the student council, the candidate

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Under the Rainbow

Stretching across the ice flows of the Niagara River, the majestic Rainbow Bridge is set to celebrate its 50th birthday this summer. The Niagara Falls Bridge Commission is planning a series of events to mark the occasion on both sides of the border.

Photo by Richard Douglas

OSAP cheques late for strike assistance

OSAP strike assistance cheques will not be here until the end of April.

Kathy Borisenka, acting financial officer in the OSAP office, said the cheques should be received by the college during the week of April 23.

Announcements will be sent to program co-ordinators when the cheques arrive at the OSAP office. Mrs. Borinsenko said she has been swamped with calls and asked students not to call the office before the week of April 23.

If a student is on work placement by this date, he should contact the OSAP office after this date for arrangements to be made.

The last date to apply for OSAP strike assistance was Feb.28. Mrs. Borisenka said 400 to 500 people applied.

The strike assistance was available to students who qualify for OSAP and covers room and board, local transportation, and child care for an additional two weeks

Oops?

Wayne Ferry, chairman of the college budget committee, suggested that a story in the Niagara News March 30, 1990, "College accepts parking increase" said the story indicated that the parking fee increase is an accepted fact when it is only a proposal to be considered. The story said, "The increase has been proposed, reviewed and accepted at this stage," quoting Hans van der Slagt, vice-president, administration.

It further said a report from the budget committee suggested the fees, though the increase "has not been confirmed."

The head on the story, obviously, was taken from the lead in which Mr. van der Slagt said the increase in parking fees has been accepted in principle by the senior administration of the college. That does not say that the fee increase is in place.

Elias Petras films medical documentary

By VERNON S. BROWNE
Staff Writer

A documentary film about the personal and medical difficulties involved in lung transplants written and produced by Niagara College co-ordinator Elias Petras will be aired on CBC next fall. The documentary, funded and co-produced by the National Film Board of Canada, was shot on location at Toronto General Hospital between April and August of last year.

Mr. Petras originally thought of a documentary on lung transplants three years ago and spent the next two years researching the idea and writing a script. He took a one-year hiatus to shoot the film last year after receiving National Film Board funding and access to Toronto General Hospital.

Toronto General is the world's leader in lung transplants. After the first successful lung transplant in 1983, people have come from all over North America only to wait for donors. Recipients must first apply and qualify; only a few are chosen each year.

"Their life expectancy is only one to two years," Mr. Petras said. "There is a long wait for donors."

The film centres on the emotions of three patients and their families, each waiting and hoping for a donor.

The one-hour film was shot over five months, although the most important segments were done in May and June 1989 after a donor had been found for one of the patients featured in the film. Two film crews were used: one to record the preparation of the donor lung, the other to film the recipient's family and the subsequent operation. Once a donor is located, the donor's lungs must be implanted in the new patient within five hours, making the filming a hectic experience.

Mr. Petras said the project was difficult in more ways than organization, however.

"Having been so closely involved with those who are sick, I'd rather not make another film so personal."

Although Mr. Petras has no projects planned for the near future, he said his next film may not be a medical documentary. After all, "variety is the spice of life," he said.

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Where is everybody ?

Niagara College Open House did not turn out to be an adults only affair. Youngsters of all ages had their own share of fun, too. Educational Resources and Special Needs engaged kids with arts and crafts, while business management had the older ones busy with different kinds of video games. Young Nicholas Lachhman, 1, being too young to do either, found solace playing with a balloon.
Photo by Bome Matshaba

Student applications increase 12 per cent

Four thousand, eight hundred and forty-seven students have applied for post-secondary programs at Niagara College, 12 per cent more than the number of applicants at the same time last year, Mary Petruzella, admissions officer, said.

The actual number of applicants at the same time — March 1, official closing date for applications — last year was 4,843. But this figure included 604 applications for 10 programs, now cancelled or suspended. Thus, this year's figures represent a 12 per cent increase, Miss Petruzella said.

Those cancelled or suspended are: administration de bureau, two chemical engineering, dental hygiene, library technician, two mechanical engineering, survey technician, and three theatre arts programs.

Miss Petruzella said the college will continue accepting applications. Acceptance letters will be mailed from April 12.

She said the program coordinators and senior students will take part in the college's enrolment management program aimed at providing applicants with more information on courses offered by the college.

This is a drive to encourage accepted students to enrol at the college.

Ninety-nine withdraw

Ninety-nine students have withdrawn from the 1990 winter term this year, 54 fewer than had withdrawn at the same time last year.

Lucy Riolino, records officer, said that although the figure for drop-outs is lower, it is hard to draw conclusions from these numbers during a year that saw 263 students dropping out after the college strike.

Ms. Riolino said that many of the students dropping out this year did so due to the extended length of the school year as well as academic difficulties. As many as 25 per cent of those leaving said they would return next year.

No opponents for Austen

Jason Austen, a first-year business administration student, became vice-president of external affairs by acclamation, and is pleased with his position.

He realizes the amount of work and the great deal of responsibility that come with his position, but said, "With lots of enthusiasm, I hope to pull my share of the load."

"I've always wanted to run for SAC, and I want to make new friends," the 20-year-old Thorold native said.

His position includes organizing the blood donor clinic, Shinerama and other external activities, and he hopes to serve the students of Niagara College well.

JASON AUSTEN
External affairs VP

Ayres

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is a peer tutor, sits on the teacher evaluation subcommittee of the College Council, and is on the president's honor roll. She enjoys hockey, music, camping, swimming and other outdoor activities.

"I really want to get students more involved in doing things," she said. "I'll do my best to help them."

Heath

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said he will be bringing in experience which will benefit all. Jamie is a Rover, a leader with the Second Welland Scout Troop and has headed numerous committees for organizing events.

He said the student centre is the key to a change in student life. If he is elected vice-president, Jamie said he will give his all. "I think that I have lots of time to give. I don't know what it was like this year, but I'll be there next year."

Articulation program brings in bucks

By LORRAINE GIBBS
Staff Writer

Niagara College will be receiving between $10,000 and $30,000 to start up a high school-college articulation program this September.

The Niagara South Board signed the first agreement in December of last year, the Lincoln County Board of Education signed an agreement with the college on March 27 and the Welland County Separate Board is expected to sign at the end of April, Dennis Malone, director of the English and Articulation Division, said.

"It is minimal funding, more of a token of support, but it is a good thing," Mr. Malone said. It is good to have "a real commitment" from the Ministry of Education, but by and large the college and the schools involved will be supporting the program.

The purpose of the articulation program is to make the path from the beginning of high school to the end of college as clear and seamless as possible. The programs work because students have the carrot of preferred standing dangled in front of them.

NOT SURE

Right now most people who start high school are not certain where they want to end up and drop out of high school or college. Under the new program, students will no longer be wandering around aimlessly and there is less chance of dropping out, Mr. Malone said.

Students will know when they start high school what they will need to succeed at college.

Colleges throughout Ontario will receive a total of $910,000 to fund the school-college programs. This money will be used to pay for secretarial support, the time of the people setting up the program, and print materials used to advertise it.

"The province wants to promote the agreements," Mr. Malone said. The program is actually a form of recruiting students. It is made clear in all the agreements that the program will benefit the local college instead of having the students travel to other areas.

DIFFERENT PLANS

There will be different agreements for each of the school boards depending on facilities available, needs and resources, Mr. Malone said. For example, the Lincoln board may be most interested in the Horticulture Centre and the technology programs offered at St. Catharines, and the Niagara South board may be most interested in the Hospitality Centre; however, there will be a blanket agreement covering all the subjects and schools involved.

"Right now we are putting people in touch with each other to work on sub-agreements on a wide variety of subjects. Ideas are spilling out, but the task is to get some sort of workable idea."

A program like this could not have worked 10 years ago. It would not have been successful because the people operating the schools did not think like this; the two never bothered with each other, Mr. Malone said.

The articulation programs will give the community a better understanding of what the college has to offer. Right now, people and teachers do not realize what the college offers.

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Editorial

GST breeds monster

Books exercise mind

After six weeks of filibustering by the Commons finance committee, the debate on the proposed Goods and Services Tax has ended. It now returns to the Commons to be passed a third and final time, and then goes to the Senate for approval.

There is good news for Canadian cookie manufacturers — no GST on cookies sold in packages of six or more. It seems eating is more important than reading.

The proposed seven per cent GST will increase the price of all books, magazines and newspapers. This increase will affect students, libraries, Canadian book publishers and Canadian magazine subscriptions.

This — that's the way the cookie crumbles — taxing attitude will have to change. By taxing reading, the GST may foster its own cookie monster — illiteracy.

Literacy is already a problem in Canada. Taxing books and magazines will increase this problem by discouraging reading. The government should make reading a priority not another taxable avenue. On the long road to learning, words should feed the mind, not starve the pocketbook.

The price we pay to read can be calculated in more than just dollars and sense.

Karen Gibson

Educational 'injustice'

Questions need answers

The Niagara News reported last week that parking fees are going up next year, as are tuition fees. It's a sure bet that book prices will rise, while the books themselves will shrink. The inevitability of these things, however, is less apalling than how readily we accept them .

The economics of education, notwithstanding, people know that students in this country are heavily subsidized and financially supported, but that does not keep people from questioning some of these things. Is it really necessary to charge parking fees even though Niagara College is surrounded by a large, empty field? And why do teachers have to pay (and pay more) to park? So they can go on strike to demand higher wages to pay their parking fees? Why is it that there is money to build a student centre while programs are cut due to costs?

These are not facetious questions. Many people honestly don't know the answers — but perhaps it's time for them to find out. College is a microcosm of society, after all. Questioning the policies that affect our daily lives is crucial to democracy and responsible citizenship. Thinking this does not apply to your academic career?

Think again — the next price hike just may prove too much for you.

Robert Finlay

Bullpit

Widening generation gap educates mature student

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

When I decided to go back to school, after 17 "homeworkless" years, I had vision of re-visiting those old spit-ball days.

I must apologize; I have not seen even the hint of a spit-ball.

I have, however, experienced another kind of sticky situation. A younger student recently asked if I was "ragged out."

Feeling the distance of the generation gap widen, I asked her for an explanation.

"You know," she shrugged. "In a rotten mood."

Not wanting to fall any further into the generation gap, I admitted I did feel a bit ragged out at the moment.

Making good use of my new vocabulary, I can say that I feel a little less ragged out at my own two kids. As I look around campus, I notice my kids aren't the only ones who cut holes in their new pair of $50 Levis'.

In my old school days you wouldn't dare say a four-letter word for fear of getting a five-knuckle rap. Which wraps into another puzzling subject — music. How can students hear what is being taught if they are plugged into Sony Walkmans and unplug only occasionally to come up for airwaves?

All in all, I must say it's been great getting two educations for the price of one.

Letter thanks Mr. Maltais for story ideas, job ads

Dear Editor:

I'd like to thank Eugene Maltais on behalf of the journalism students for all his help during the year.

Mr. Maltais has provided us with numerous leads to stories that have resulted in published articles in the Niagara News. He participates in various college activities as well as other organizations such as the Red Cross and shares his knowledge with us.

Mr. Maltais collects job opportunities from the Standard from Vermilion, Alberta, and passes them on to us. He tacks them on the bulletin board in the newsroom under the heading, "Opportunity Knocks."

Mr. Maltais' zest for life and ambitious attitude are known by anyone who has ever taken one of his courses. Thank you for sharing your zeal and helping us in the Niagara News.

Thank you
Sheila McBrayne
Second-year journalism student

PITCH-IN

Tradition of April Fool's day says Court Jesters take rest

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

This is going to be the worst article you have ever read. It is boring, uninformative, and full of fools. *April fools, that is!*

April Fool's day has come and gone, but where did the tradition originate?

The first day of April has been a time for practical jokes for more than 2,000 years. There are many stories about how April Fool's day began. Some of them are foolish, but the most convincing story is the one about the introduction of a new calendar.

The old calendar, used for centuries, was declared inaccurate because it did not match the earth's movement around the sun. Scientists worked out a new calendar that is in use today.

England and the American colonies did not use the new calendar until 1752. The French king, Charles IX, ordered his people to begin using the calendar in 1564.

Before the introduction of the new calendar, the French celebrated New Year's Day on the first day of spring by giving each other presents. The French people were not pleased with the new calendar that started the new year on Jan. 1.

Some of the people who refused to accept the New Year's date, received joke presents on April 1. The presents could be a bouquet of onions, a candy box full of straw, or even worse, a box full of chocolate-covered cotton.

Other stories go back even further in time. One belief is that April Fool's Day was started when Noah sent out the first dove from the Ark. This was called a *fool's errand, since the dove could* not find land and returned to the boat.

In medieval times, it was a celebration of the ridiculous. The first morning in April was the only time during the year that the Court Jester was allowed to rest. So ordinary people had to make up jokes and pranks until he came back on duty

Servants wore their hats and costumes backwards, and carried empty trays walking backwards. Instead of the noble lady, or lord, sitting at the head of the table, it was reserved for the Court Jester. The servants served the meal starting with the least important table, and served the high table last.

Tales were told of flying turtles, oxen that were harnessed behind the carts, and rabbits that threatened lions. Everyone at the feast tried to tell a ridiculous story and get the listener to believe it.

One of the early pagan celebrations was called The Feast of Fools celebrated in churches, monasteries and schools. Boys became bishops for the day, burning old shoes instead of incense to perfume the building. The students controlled the teachers, and the young ruled the old. The adults would play with the children's toys, while the children mocked their elders by ordering them around.

In Scotland messengers were sent on meaningless errands called "hunting the gowk", gowk meaning goose or fool. The *messenger would deliver the note,* and the receiver would read the following message: "This is an April Fool's errand. Please send the messenger to someone else." The messenger would be sent on to another friend, and the prank continued until the messenger caught on to the joke.

Other impossible tasks included sending people out to buy pigeon's milk, hen's teeth, and even a fictitious book, called History of Eve's Mother.

Whatever the joke, everyone was quite content to go on in their orderly ways the next day.

Modern pranks include substituting salt for sugar, setting the alarm clock one hour earlier, and radio announcements of bumper harvest crops of spaghetti. Some zoos take the phones off the hook on April 1 to stop the numerous callers asking to speak to Mrs. Fox or Mr. Lamb.

People are not as gullible today and are seldom fooled. Sometimes things already seem to be going backwards without help from anyone. Other days seem like a wild goose chase.

There is no need to set aside one morning a year to do foolish things. People manage to set aside many days to do that.

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Maid of the Mist plans for its future

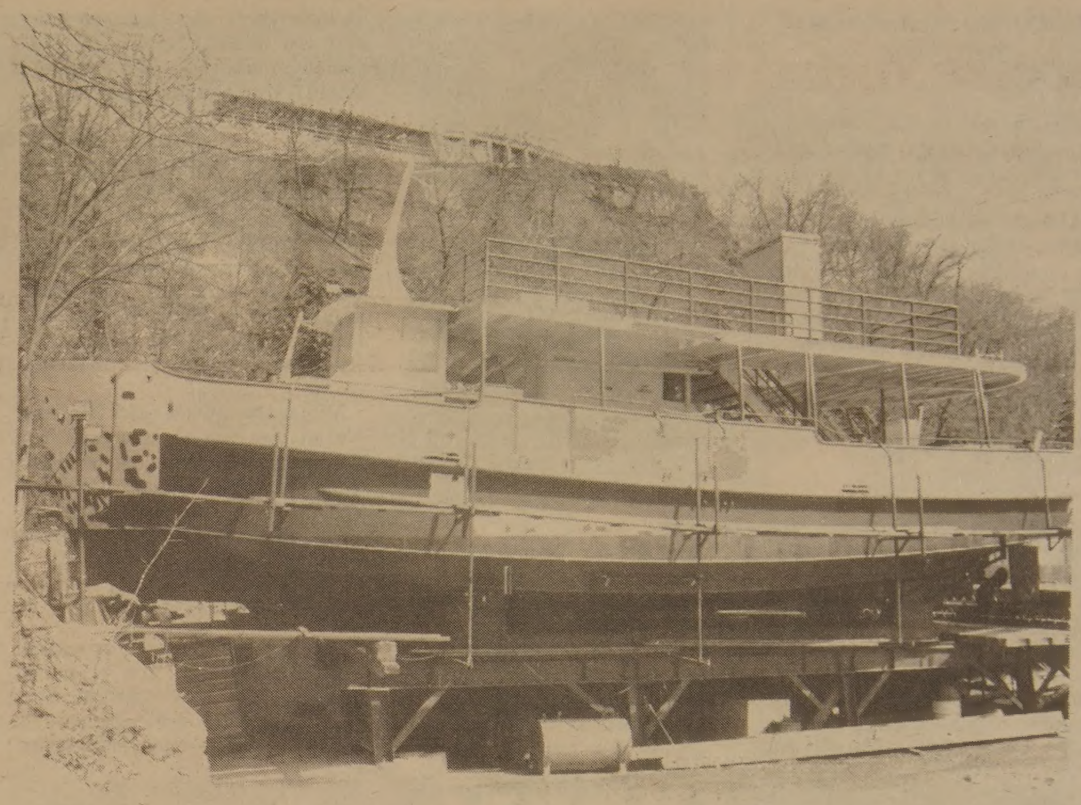
By RICHARD DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

The Maid of the Mist, that grand old lady of Niagara Falls, is ready to face the 90s head on. This summer will see many changes in the popular tourist attraction.

"It's been an active year for us," Frank Simon, general manager of Marine Operations said. Plans call for a new Maid of the Mist boat to be put in the water this summer as well as the opening of a new elevator service to the boat dock.

Operating separately from the Niagara Parks Commission, the company was first incorporated in 1885. The Maid of the Mist has enjoyed a long and prosperous history providing tourists with a-one-of-a-kind boat ride and a breath-taking view of the Horseshoe Falls. Colorful moments in her history include Captain Joel E. Robinson's riding one of the original boats through the Niagara Rapids in 1861 and the 1960 rescue of young Roger Woodward: the only person to ever go over the falls without protection and survive. The company's original owners, the LeBlond family, sold their interests in 1971 to James V. Glynn who continues to own it.

The new boat, Maid of the Mist 6, is being built in Port Dover at a cost of more than $1 million. It will be 80 feet long, eight feet longer than any previous Maid of the Mist, and 30 feet wide, six feet wider than the other boats.



One of the Maid of the Mist boats undergoes pre-season maintenance as it waits for the crowds of summer. Above, the new multimillion dollar Maid of the Mist Plaza nears completion. It will serve as tourist information centre and house a bank of elevators that will take visitors to the popular attraction.

Photo by Richard Douglas

Design

"It's in the width where you really pick up on passengers," Mr. Simon said. "Some companies stretch their boats out" but that only allows for a minor increase in passenger capacity. He said that by widening a boat design by two feet, a hundred more passengers could be accommodated. Maid of the Mist 6 will increase capacity from 300 to 600 passengers on a single boat.

Plans call for the new boat to be split into five sections and lowered by crane to the Maid of the Mist dock by the Niagara River. This is a method that was first used in 1955 and later in 1956 — lowering the boat in four sections. Subsequent boats were lowered intact. The new boat, though is too large. Mr. Simon is confident that this rather unorthodox method of sectioning the boat is a proven technique. "If it worked then, it's going to work that much better now."

The boat builder has told Mr. Simon that the assembly of the boat will take from eight to 10 weeks. Once the new boat is ready, the oldest boat (1955) will be retied and sold. Mr. Simon is optimistic, hoping the new boat will be ready for the major traffic of the tourist season.

The other major project is the creation of the Maid of the Mist Plaza. A new complex, it will be built underground on the site of the old Princess Elizabeth building at the base of Clifton Hill. The new plaza is being built by the Niagara Parks Commission and will include a new bank of four elevators that will express people to the Maid of the Mist dock. The project will cost about $13 million, at no cost to the tax-payer.

The Niagara Parks Commission operates the incline railway that takes tourists to the dock. The fate of the incline is "still up in the air," George Bailey, director of public relations and advertising, said. "The elevators will be able to accommodate 2,000 people an hour." he said.

"The elevators will definitely help, because right now the incline can accommodate 800 people an hour," Mr. Simon said.

"We're behind schedule for obvious reasons," Mr. Bailey said. He cited the extreme weather in the past few months as well as drainage problems inside the elevator shaft; "We found a mini-Niagara Falls there." He is optimistic that the building will be ready for the busiest times of the summer. "We were hoping to open by early June, but being more realistic , probably July first."

The building will include a restaurant, gift shop, changing areas for children and washrooms that are handicap accessible. The new complex will require more staff, but will be able to handle a larger number of visitors with greater efficiency.

Although many peoople in the tourism industry have complained about a drop in business over the last few years, Mr. Simon does not see this trend affecting the Maid of the Mist. "Our lineups are getting longer." For the past few years, the company has had over a million customers per season. "That's very encouraging," Mr. Simon said.

Success

The success of the Maid of the Mist is in no way a mistake. Even though the company is famous around the globe, it still carries on an aggressive promotional campaign. Representatives travel all winter to such areas as Japan, England and Europe attending major conventions and tourism shows. It is such promotion that has helped the company's growth, Mr. Simon said.

"After labor day, we often wondered, why are we staying open till October?" Mr. Simon said. By promoting the attraction, their fall business has increased through the pre-booking of group tours from different areas of the world. "Our group business, believe me, has taken off like you wouldn't believe," he said.

As the new decade begins, there will doubtless be many changes in the local tourism industry. With the vision shown by the Maid of the Mist company in the past and today, if is not hard to imagine that the grand old lady will be here for some time to come.

Wildlife Week set

The Canadian Wildlife Federation has chosen Local Action Brings Worldwide Results as the theme for National Wildlife Week, April 8-14.

Each year during National Wildlife Week, CWF develops educational kits in co-operation with federal, provincial and territorial wildlife agencies. The kit entitled Habitat 2000 was distributed to 27,000 Canadian students in 1,000 classrooms last year to encourage public school children to learn more about wildlife in their schoolyards and communities.

"This year's kit is based entirely on sustainable development which reflects the idea that in order to satisfy people's needs sensible development must occur," Sharon White, communications officer for the federation, said. Students across Canada will learn about conservation, ecosystems, maintaining wildlife, recyclable resources, reducing pollution and educating the community.

With the school program, conservationists across the country will educate people within their communities during National Wildlife Week by sponsoring activities and events such as wildlife displays, lectures and film festivals.

"Hundreds of local municipalities, including Fonthill, Fort Erie, Smithville, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Wainfleet and Welland, have declared April 8-14, 1990, as National Wildlife Week in their communities to encourage people to get involved in wildlife-related activities," Ms. White said.

National Wildlife Week will provide Canadians an opportunity to learn about sustainable development, and to initiate conservation projects that will ensure a healthy future for wildlife and the planet.

PITCH IN

7% GST affects students, book prices may increase

For the first time in Canada's taxable history, the federal government wants to tax books.

The proposed seven per cent Goods and Services Tax will apply to all magazines, newspapers and books, increasing the price of textbooks for students.

The GST not only increases the price of books and magazines, it affects publishing. Foreign magazine subscriptions cannot be taxed. What will happen to Canadian magazine publishers if sales are lost to more competitive foreign publishers?

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Oops

In the March 30 edition of the Niagara News, it was stated, in Adamson seeks cures for health problems, that Jim Fischer took over as co-ordinator of the Ambulance Emergency Care program. In fact, Mr. Fisher's name does not have a "c" in it and it is Rick Chandler who is acting co-ordinator of the program. Mr. Fisher took over teaching the patient care class.

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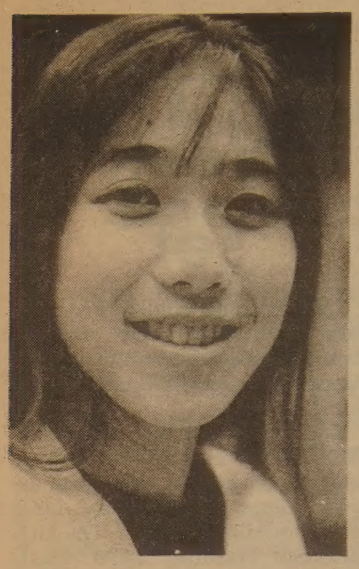


NAOKO MASUMOTO

Canada impresses Japanese

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

Naoko Masumoto is tall, with beautiful long, dark hair. She is dressed like any other Canadian woman in a long, beige skirt and jacket, but the tiny gold Sanseido's Gen Dictionary in her hand gives her away. Naoko is from Japan.

This is Naoko's first visit to Canada and she is impressed with Canadians. "They are friendlier than people in Japan,"she said, flipping patiently through her dictionary to translate.

In Japan Naoko lives in an apartment in Nihon, Tokyo, with her pet beagle, Tuff. In her spare time Naoko loves to swim and cook; her favorite dessert is chocolate "anything".

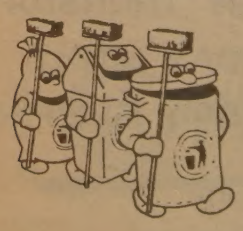
WEARS KIMOMO

Naoko completed three years of nursing school in Japan and was among the small percentage of students eligible to graduate. In Japan only 20 per cent of the students are allowed to graduate. On graduation day Naoko will wear the traditional white kimono for the ceremony.

Naoko has one brother, Koichi, who she is visiting in Canada. Koichi, 18, is an exchange student from Japan and is attending E.L. Crossley High School in Fonthill. Koichi has almost finished his school year and has enjoyed Canadian life so much, he is applying to come back to school next year. He hopes to attend a college in British Columbia.

After Naoko's 10-day visit in Canada, she returns to Japan and immediately starts her job as a nurse. She doesn't know which department she will be working in, but has asked to work with children.

Naoko said she will be sad to leave Canada, but she is determined to visit again. Without using her dictionary, Naoko said she would like to say "goodbye" (sayounara) to all the Canadian friends she has made and hopes to be able to say "hello" (konnichiwa) to them in the future.

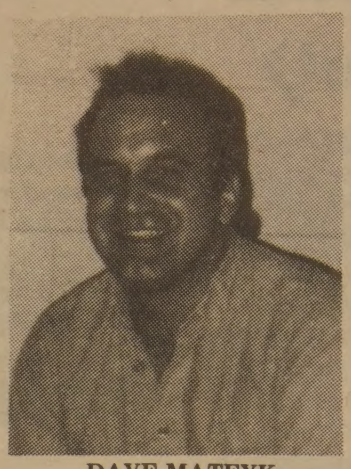


Musician uses sign language in act

By Caroline Winterbottom
Staff Writer

Anyone with a knowledge of sign language might notice that Dave Mateyk uses it in his act.

Dave, a continuing education sign language student, is one half of a duo called Ken and Dave. The act, which has been together for three years, travels throughout the Niagara Region not only to entertain musically, but to put a smile on the face of every member of the audience.



DAVE MATEYK

Signing

"The act consists of both music and comedy or comedy and music," he said in his boisterous voice.

Dave said he uses signing in the act because "it gives me something to do with my hands and I think it's a novelty."

The music Ken and Dave play is sure to appeal to many musical tastes. The duo plays 50s and 60s rock "with a little touch of country."

Songs by the Contours, Crosby Stills and Nash, the Beach Boys and the Turtles are just a few performed by the duo.

Members of the audience can expect "to be entertained in their seats and later in the evening to be motivated to dance," he said.

Comedy was put into their act because there were long gaps in between songs. Dave said the comedy makes the act go more smoothly and keeps the audience attentive.

"This is a song by Joseph Stalin. It's called Kill Those Rebels," he said last Saturday night when the act was performing at the Casa del Toro Inn. "Actually it's a song by Joe Cocker," Dave said, amid the audience's laughter as he spiked his hair and began to mimick the singer in a rendition of You Are So Beautiful to Me.

When the 36-year-old Niagara Falls native moved to St. Catharines in 1988, he brought with him a great deal of musical talent. Dave taught himself to play most of the instruments that he plays.

Self-taught

The guitar, bass and harmonica were all self-taught and he shares the singing duties with Ken. Ken plays the guitar and keyboards in the act. Dave learned to play the trombone by studying the instrument for five years in highschool.

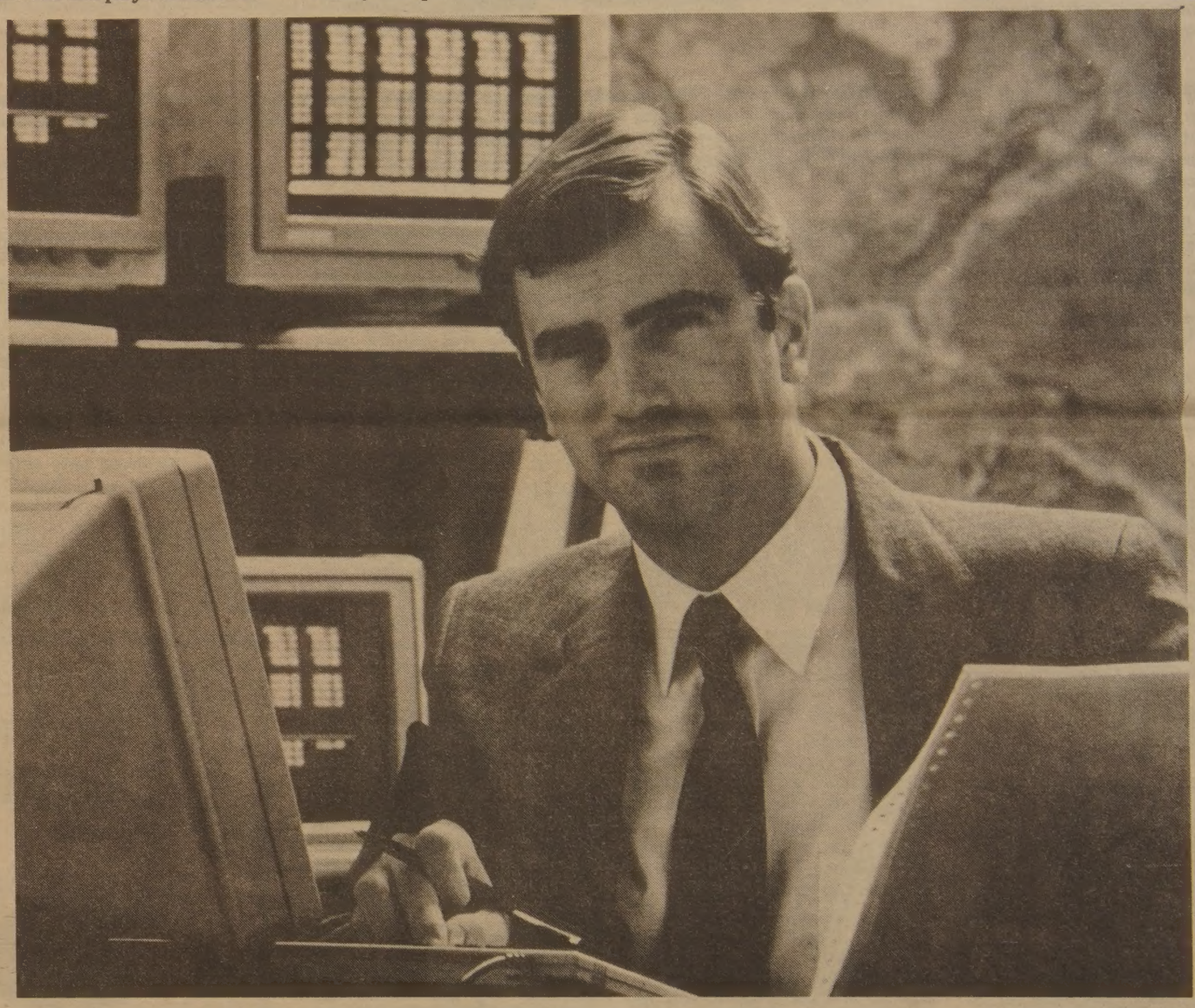
The two musicians, who went to high school together, began performing at school functions and drop-in clubs when they were only 15 and 16. Since then Dave has played in three other 50s and 60s rock bands and he has played with Ken on and off.

He decided to be an entertainer because he enjoys playing music and it's profitable.

Dave's musical influences are the Beatles, Buddy Holly and David Bowie. "Pretty strange combination, eh?" he said as he let out a loud laugh.

One thing he doesn't have to communicate to the audience orally or in sign language is his love for music. The tattoo of a music note and a heart on his left arm and his attitude tell the whole story.

PITCH IN



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Sunday's Open House real success

Hundreds of people attended Niagara College's Open House on last Sunday.Representatives from the college's Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Welland campuses were present to acquaint those interested in the courses Niagara offers.

Some highlights included nursing care demonstrations, guided tours through some of the technology facilities, and information about day care programs.

The Student Administration Council held a barbeque in Manera Court outside its office; refreshment stands were located throughout the college.

The athletic department used one side of the gym in the McKenzie Building for a volleyball game, while the Continuing Education used the other half for a demonstration of self-defence for women.

The paperback book sale set up by the English Department raised about $70 for a special fund set up for needy students. The Hotel and Restaurant Management course had a display of some of the foods prepared by students

The Open House helped Tammy Barkley,18,from Thorold, with her decision to come to Niagara College,

"It was really good," she said. "It really made me feel comfortable and let me know what I'm getting into."

Tammy plans to take Business Administration next year.

"What's that ?" Tora Bailey asked.

Rita Thomas and June Ashenden

Gary Wilcox, Miss Robarts and Lisa Weldon

ERSN student Todd Klacko and Keith Davison

Niagara College business division program co-ordinators

Kinnard: Special Needs job great pleasure, not a chore

By TARA GRABELL
Staff Writer

ROLANDE KINNARD

Should you see a short, smiling woman taking Special Needs students up Niagara College's hallways and into classrooms, you most likely are looking at Rolande Kinnard.

Since January 1989, when she was referred to the college through a medical personnel pool, Mrs. Kinnard has been employed as an attendant for some special needs students. From being a notetaker in classes, to setting up computers and typewriters for her students, Mrs. Kinnard has proved to be a valuable cog in the machinery of these students' educations.

Enrichment

The range of disabilities of the five students she has assisted include cerebral palsy, hearing impairment and wheelchair confinment. Mrs. Kinnard said the physical problems of these students should not be a problem to others because "we have things we can't do, so we're all handicapped in some ways."

The time she spends in her students' classes has been no chore for her. "It feels like a new world has opened up to me. Going to classes, hearing different things, it's interesting to me and the teachers have been very cooperative. They've made me feel like I was a part of the class," she said.

Beyond the opportunity to learn from the classes she attends, Mrs. Kinnard said that each of her students "has enriched my life. I've learned from them all."

Being in an educational institution has had its effects on her. "You can't be around the college without it getting a hold of you." Because of this influence, Mrs. Kinnard is contemplating upgrading her own education at Niagara College this fall. Three years ago she had graduated from the college's Health Care Aide Program that helped her to get her present job.

Growing up in the Welland area, Mrs. Kinnard ended her educational pursuits after high school when she married and began a family. After she finished raising her two sons, Tim and Dan, she decided to go back to school to train to be a health care aide. Her view of education had changed from one of hesitance to one of eagerness.

"When you raise a family at home, you sort of lose touch with things; news is just words to you. When you learn, you begin to understand things around you better."

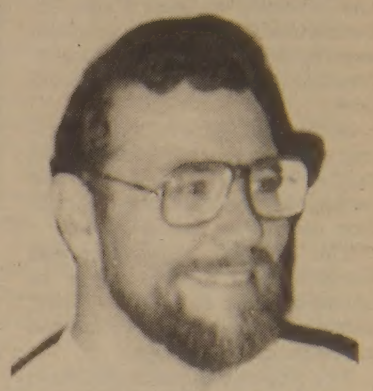
For the moment, though, Mrs. Kinnard is satisfied with her job. "Some people go to their jobs as a chore, but I really love my job."

However, she takes a humble view of her position: "I like to be in the background. I'm just a small part of the whole system of education."

Perhaps she considers herself a small part of the system, but the next time you pass her in the halls, you'll know what a large role she plays in some Special Need students' educations.

Former college student makes executive chef

By DIANE FOSTER
Staff Writer



WARREN SOUTHWICK

Warren Southwick, a former Niagara College student, believes no meal should be ordinary; it's all in the way it is presented.

Warren attended the Niagara College Food Preparation — Advance course in 1984.

After completing the Niagara College course, he worked at The Love Boat restaurant, Niagara Falls, as a line chef. With some experience under his belt, he was promoted to banquet chef and specialized in Italian gourmet cuisine. He enjoyed this position for three years and gained much experience in the area of Italian cooking and presentation.

Warren decided on a change and became banquet chef at The Old Stone Inn, Niagara Falls. Here he learned French classic cuisine with an emphasis on sauces. He specialized in the Henry the Eighth feasts and enjoyed learning new ways to prepare and present meals.

He accepted the position of tour chef at the Minolta Tower and spent some time managing one of the three kitchens. Here he learned to prepare meals in quantities without losing quality. Fifty to 200 people per sitting would arrive in the dining room expecting appetizing meals.

Today

Warren is executive chef and kitchen manager at Highland House, Highway 20, Fonthill, where he specializes in traditional English fare.

He enjoys learning to prepare specialty dishes from different countries, and hopes one day to incorporate many of these dishes into his menu.

Warren enjoys cooking even in his spare time and has catered several banquets and conventions.

"I've been hobby cooking since I was five," he said as he adjusted his brown framed glasses which hide his blue eyes. "My father was a hobby chef and he taught me how to prepare vegetables, seasonings and sauces."

Warren was born and grew up in Boston where his father was an executive sales representative for Ford Industrial Tractor.

"When I was 15, I catered my first brunch," he said with some pride in his soft voice. "It was for my father's boss."

Warren did a stint in the United States Navy where, as a personnel man and chief petty officer, "I catered a full dress afternoon tea for an admiral's wife and guests. I incorporated antique and modern crystal and china."

"I have always enjoyed presentation, buffet and garnish work. And I seem to have an eye for platters."

Warren has begun to collect antique platters, serving dishes, and glasses. He has a small, but impressive collection.

Warren and his wife of 14 years want to own a colonial inn that specializes in hospitality, English afternoon teas, and gourmet cuisine in a country setting.

"It will be in a family oriented setting making everyday a special day. Our theme will be: 'Make every dining experience a special occasion.'

"Presentation is 90 per cent of appeal. It's so easy to do: the way you set a piece of meat, a vegetable, sauce, and a little garnish can make a plain meal a work of art. You can make a meatloaf really special by the way you present it."

Students work with role model

Mack Nursing Centre students are taking part in a new preceptorship model this year.

Donna Cunningham, director of nursing division, said the students must work part of their course in a hospital. The four main hospitals involved are the St. Catharines General, Hotel Dieu, Greater Niagara, and Welland County. Lincoln Memorial, Port Colborne, Shaver, as well as some nursing homes have also taken part.

While working in the hospitals, the students have been working 40-hour weeks on the day shift. The new preceptorship model changes this, Miss Cunningham said.

A preceptor is a teacher or mentor. Since January, the new program has matched a student with a qualified graduate nurse. The students work the same shifts as her preceptor. This may mean the student does shift work or may have to work 12-hour shifts. This provides consistency of role models.

The model has worked well so far and Miss Cunningham hopes it will be instituted across the board next year.

Mack student nurses change their colors

By ROBBIE CRAINE
Staff Writer

Students at the Mack Nursing Education Centre have changed uniforms, Donna Cunningham, director of nursing, said.

The students have in the past worn blue. The uniforms have been changed due to complaints from the students. They said the old uniforms were "dysfunctional," Miss Cunningham said. The students told Miss Cunningham and Mack faculty the old uniforms were not professional looking and the pockets on the uniforms were not well placed.

In an attempt to decide on the color, Mack asked representatives from area hospitals at a clinical coordinating meeting for suggestions. A decision was made in favor of white.

The students may buy uniforms at any uniform store they want, in any style they want — providing the uniforms meet with regulations on length and fit. Each student wears a badge on the sleeve as well as a name tag and cap to prevent patients confusing the students with graduate nurses, Miss Cunningham said.

The new uniforms have met with student approval. One wrote the new uniform helped her realize the image of herself as a nurse, Miss Cunningham said.

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Farmers want control over their land

By RICHARD DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

In an industry plagued by the threat of free trade and extreme weather in the past few years, area farmers are finding it necessary to sell portions of their land in order to survive.

For many of them, their land has been declared as for Agricultural Purposes Only (APO) by the region. Such a classification can hinder a sale because the land can only be used for farming and not development; such a classification makes the property harder to sell and can cause its price to drop.

"Farmers don't want to pave the Niagara Peninsula," Jill Hildreth, Lincoln regional councillor, said. "They don't want to sell their land. Their problem right now is that they don't have any cash flow."

Mrs.Hildreth, who, with her husband, is a tender fruit grower, said that since the early 80s there has been no money in fruit farming. "The cost of production is more than what you can get for your fruit. Every thing (production expenses) goes up, but the price of fruit doesn't go up likewise."

A sign of the times. Local farmers want the right to control their own land and are willing to challenge regional policy in their fight to survive. For many farmers the only way to keep going is to sell parcels of land which are often used for residential development. Regional council is concerned by the destruction of the area's unique farm lands.
Photo by Richard Douglas

CITES PROBLEMS

She cited problems in dealing with both the federal and provincial governments. She sees free trade as a threat to local farming. There is no way for Canadian farmers to compete with their American counterparts. "Our expenses are 30 per cent more than they are in the States."

The provincial government has reformed the farm rebate tax. This rebate made it possible for farmers to rent land belonging to others while it allowed for the land owners to receive the rebate as long as the land was farmed. This meant lower rental rates for the farmers and incentives for landowners to keep their land for agricultural purposes. Now, only a farmer who is farming his own land can receive the rebate.

With these problems troubling the industry, farmers have had to sell parts of their land to keep the rest of their farms going. The problem comes when trying to attract buyers. If the land has been zoned as agricultural — combining the two subheadings of "unique agricultural" or "general good" — it cannot be used for building. For building to take place, the land must be zoned "rural."

Unique agricultrual land is considered to be the best, Thomas Whitelaw, planner for Regional Niagara said. It would be used for tender fruit and grape growing. General good land would be considered good farming land. Rural designates land that consists of poorer soil quality.

Both unique and general good lands are considered APO. It is only for farming and not to be used for development. The region's policy plan of 1988 states the region will protect unique and good general lands. The plan only allows for the sale of property when two farms have been joined and there is an extra farm house on the property. The extra house may be sold, but all other properties must remain agricultural. This policy was created for farmers with "limited landholdings who wished to expand by purchasing additional small farms." Until now, this policy was used in more than 100 cases and was apparently satisfactory for all. It was originally created to protect the area's farming industry.

Recently, the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake proposed to withdraw the APO designation in an attempt to provide ecomomic assistance for local farmers. This decision was originally intended to save one farm, the owner of which requested to sell a parcel of land. The regional planning committee's concern is that this decision could be used by other farmers, some of whom would not need financial assistance. In a report presented to council on March 7, the planning and development committee said, "There are many problems evident if assistance is granted to a few farmers by relaxing the land use planning regulations." The committee is concerned that this ruling could interfere with studies of long range help for farmers as well as provide an easy market for those farmers who wish to sell their land for a profit.

On March 15, Regional Council voted to allow the original petitioners in Niagara-on-the-Lake to sell a piece of their land. This was only after the petitioners showed their financial records as proof of their need to sell the land.

The planning committee's report foresaw this ruling and questioned the regions's ability to judge ecomomic need. They questioned the "equity and fairness" of such a practice as well as the council's criteria for juding the need of future applicants.

Mrs. Hildreth sees the Niagara-on-the-Lake decision as a significant step forward. "People aren't going to keep farming when there's no future in it. You've got to save the farmer, then the farmer will take care of the land. Farmers are getting tired of being told what to do with their land."

"At the present time there is a fair amount of turmoil in the agricultural community," Mr. Whitelaw said. "The Region recognizes that and we're at the present time in the process of reviewing our Regional Plan and one of the focuses will be agricultural policies."

The area farmer will undoubtedly continue to fight for more say in his business. Whether a peaceable middle ground between government and those who work the land can be reached remains to be seen.

Unveiling new book

By RICHARD DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

The unveiling of a new book about Niagara's history served to pay tribute not only to the book but the author as well. The book, The Niagara Portage Road, is by Niagara Falls city historian and chairman for the Niagara Falls Historical Foundation, George Seibel. It is being published in conjunction to the 200th anniversary of the road.

The book launching at the Victoria Avenue Library in Niagara Falls was well attended. Local dignitaries such as Niagara Falls Mayor Bill Smeaton and Niagara Falls MP Rob Nicholson were hosts.

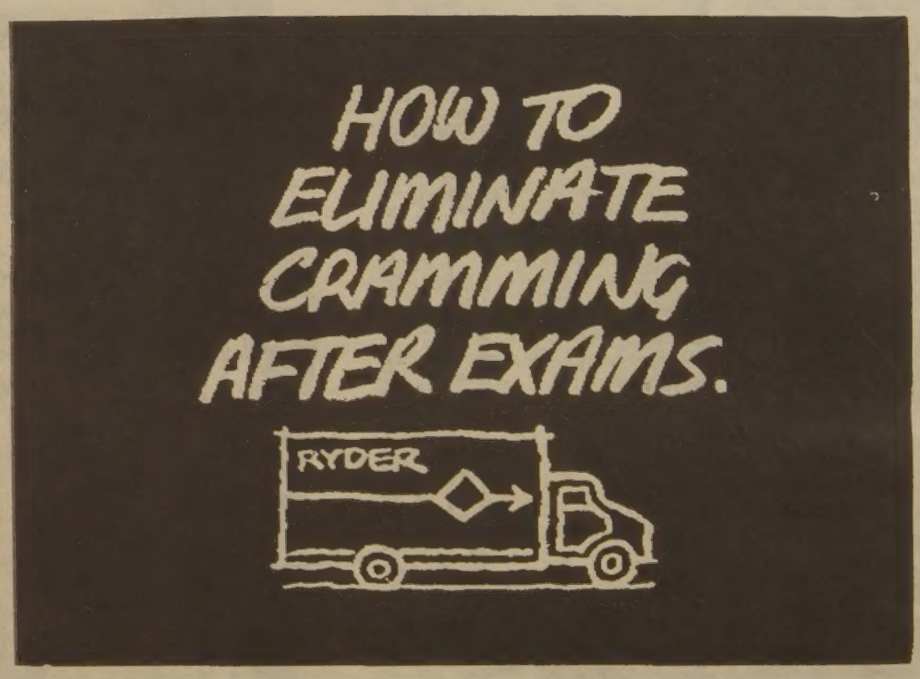
Describing the book, Mayor Smeaton said it was a "marvelous history" that details "a trail that goes back in time to the beginning of time." He called Portage Road the equivalent to a four-lane highway for early settlers and explorers. An old Indian trail, the road served to connect Queenston in the north to Chippawa in the south. In 1790, it was declared as the first King's Highway in Upper Canada.

Mr. Seibel, who has been unwell, was described by the mayor as courageous in his work to finish the book. Speaking for her husband, Olive Seibel, editor of the book, thanked the many people who had helped them.

GREAT TRIBUTE

Looking around the crowded meeting room, Mr. Nicholson said that the attendance is "a great tribute to the tremendous work they (the Seibels) have done." He congratulated the couple on their work.

Mr. Seibel was referred to "as the person who knows all about Niagara Falls" and as the city's "foremost historian" by George Bailey, director of public relations and advertising for the Niagara Parks Commission. Mr. Seibel is the official historian for the Parks Commission.



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9,000 to Ride for Sight this June

By ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

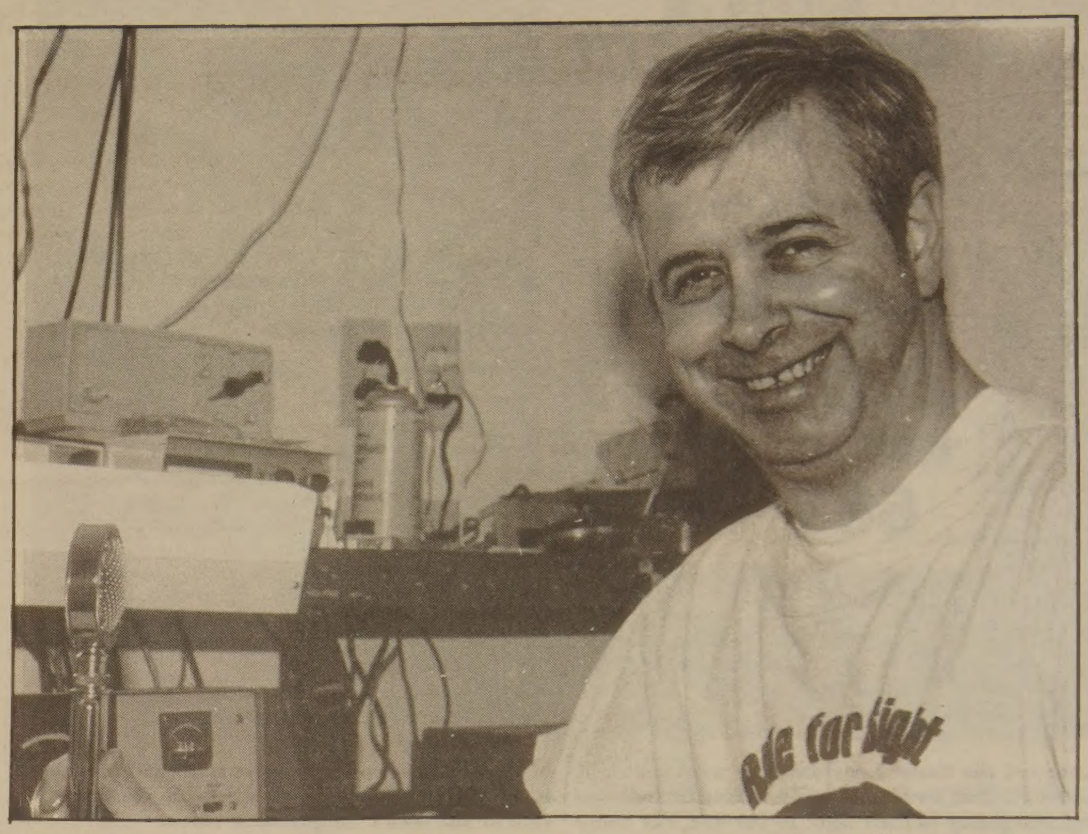
This June thousands of motorcyclists will disturb the peace and quiet of the Kawartha hills in Peterborough. It's doubtful they will hear many complaints from area residents, though, because all their loud revving and rumbling will be for a good cause.

The 11th annual Ride for Sight at Trent University in Peterborough expects nearly 9,000 motorcyclists to ride in a rally on the second weekend in June.

The Ride for Sight donates all its proceeds to the Retinis Pigmentosa Eye Research Foundation, created in 1974 to seek a cure for the degenerative eye disease.

Retinis Pigmentosa(RP)is a related group of eye diseases which affect the retina. As the disease progresses, cells in the retina die and fewer images are sent to the brain. Vision gradually decreases, and total blindness often results.

The normal human range of vision is 160 degrees. People with RP have a vision range of as little as 10 degrees. RP sufferers may trip over stairs, cats and garbage cans.



Delle Monache, founder of the Niagara Region's RP foundation

Fundraising

The first Ride for Sight held in 1979 raised $15,000. It has since grown into the largest known fundraising rally in the world with a common purpose. In 1989, the Ride raised more than $900,000 for RP reasearch — this year, organizers expect to exceed the million dollar target.

Vince Delle Monache was diagnosed with RP in 1954, when he was 14. He had 10 per cent vision then; now, he has only between three and four per cent.

"I can see quite a few things," he said. "I can see this light background and this dark area (on his shirt). But that's about it. I can't see you."

In 1976, Mr. Delle Monache founded the first Canadian chapter of the RP foundation, in the Niagara Region. The chapter has about 15 members who meet every month in Welland at the Old Polish Hall on Ontario Road.

Chapter members educate the public about RP at mall displays throughout the region. RP representatives will be at the Seaway Mall on April 14 and June 2; at Niagara Square on April 21 and May 19; and at the County Fair Mall in Fort Erie on April 7.

On Thanksgiving weekend, the Welland car wash on Niagara Street gives the RP chapter 50 cents for every car that goes through. The Lions Club, Club Roma, and other local service organizations also donate time and money to RP.

Mr. Delle Monache left school two years after he was diagnosed, and went to work as a dishwasher at the Half Moon restaurant on King Street in Welland. "That's where all the teenagers used to hang out in the 50s."

No one else in Mr. Delle Monache's family has RP, although it is a genetic disease. RP may skip several generations, or more commonly, it will appear suddenly in a family with no known history of the disease.

The night before he spoke with the Niagara News, Mr. Delle Monache, who is an avid ham radio operator, "had a round table with people in Chile, Argentina, Nanaimo(B.C.), Buenos Aires, and Windsor."

"You can talk to all the world (on ham radio). I talk to Australia and just about everyone." And he has a huge collection of postcards testifying to his world-wide friendships.

All the operators in the "round table" were originally from Italy, and converse in the language. "One man and woman turned out to be second cousins from the same village." Mr. Delle Monache came to Canada from Penne, in central Italy, in 1952.

Friendships

Because his vision is so limited, Mr. Delle Monache has braille controls on his radio, which he tunes to the correct frequency by listening to the tones it puts out. He's excited by the possibility of "a setup so you can see who you're talking to," but said it's too expensive.

Mr. Delle Monache took braille about 15 years ago, and now "I do everything in it, all my notes." He obviously relies a great deal on his memory as well: "I know a couple of hundred phone numbers." He does all the calling for the Welland White Cane Club.

Mr. Delle Monache said jokingly that caning and piano tuning are the typical things blind people do. "I took up caning, but I can't hack it. I don't have the patience."

The Bank of Canada is giving Mr. Delle Monache — free of charge — a machine that will tell him what kind of currency is inserted in it.

The Niagara Timberline Riders club will be having its own Ride for Sight on June 10, and for the first time, dirt bikes will be allowed to participate. Last year, the club's ride raised $1,500 this way.

This year, 14 scientists at seven Canadian universities and one teaching hospital were granted $637,000 by the foundation for research into RP. Mr. Delle Monache said that recently a doctor in Ireland made a breakthrough and found the dominant RP gene.

PITCH IN

'90 grads find help

Students graduating from tech programs at Niagara College this year may join an organization that will put them in contact with possible employers.

The Ontario Association of Certified Technicians and Technologists was formed in 1962 and was given the exclusive right to title in 1984.

The association has 17,000 members, most of whom work in Ontario, but is recognized across Canada via the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists.

HIGH STANDARDS

It is a non-profit, self-governing organization that is dedicated to maintaining the highest possible standards in engineering. It serves a wide variety of people from draftspeople to chemists and machinists to miners.

Students enrolled in Engineering and Applied Science programs may apply for membership in their final year. As an associate member, students have the opportunity to participate in a professional organization and become classified.

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Sports

Intramural basketball

Running Rebels beat Vapors to take lead in championship

A break-away win by the Running Rebels puts them ahead of the pack as Niagara College intramural basketball got underway.

Six teams are vying for 1990 championship. The teams consist of players from various college departments. One team is made up of members of staff only.

The tournament began last Thursday with three games but teams had played earlier in exhibition games. Matches will run April 26 when the finals will be held.

In the match-up with the Vapors, the Running Rebels took charge of the game from the start and never looked back. At the end of the game, the Rebels had outdistanced Vapors by a score of 31-9. Jo Wilson, first-year journalism student, led the Rebels with 14 points. Jeff Holdick led the Vapors with eight points.

COME ON STRONG

The Rebels and the Vapors were expected to have a showdown as both came out strong in the exhibition games a week earlier. In a game against the Gators, the Rebels had an easy victory and amassed the highest score so far. Again Jo Wilson was the lead scorer with 12 points while Scott Young added eight to the 38-point tally.

Vapors, however, had a narrow edge over Staff team which has Peter Rylander athletics department head. Vapors won 17-16. The Rebels went on again to do battle with a possible championship contender, Hurting Units. The Units lost by a score of 26-18 despite a valiant effort towards the end.

In other games of the first week of basketball, Staff, with Doug Weeks' game high score of eight points, defeated Gators 13-8. Hurting Units played Staff and won 25-23. Staff led most of the way but a three-point shot by Steve Rogosinky in the dying moments of the game brought the Units within reach of victory. Bill Karner's 15 points led the scoring for the Units and Doug Weeks' 10 points was the highest for Staff players.

The six teams are to do battle again this Thursday.

Salaries increase for technology jobs

By LORRAINE GIBBS
Staff Writer

The graduates of this year's technology programs received good news from two of Ontario's leading membership organizations: salaries for engineering technicians and technologists are increasing.

The Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists reported in its Report on Members' 1989 Salaries, that the average salary of its members was $40,355, an increase of six per cent from the average of $38,069 in 1988.

The Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario reported that the average member's salary was $55,000, an increase of 3.8 per cent over a 1988 salary.

Engineering technologists earned $43,673 in Ontario. Outside the province the highest salary earned was $60,125 in Nova Scotia, and the lowest salary in Quebec was $41,363.

Engineering technicians earned an average of $38,952 in Ontario. Outside the province they earned the highest salaries in Manitoba at $55,089, and the lowest salaries in New Brunswick at $33,520.

Of association's 3.6 per cent female members, the women did not see any great difference between their salaries and those of their male counterparts.

The professional engineering association reported that its two per cent female members earned an average of $43,700, up 5.3 per cent from last year

The highest paid technologists work in mineral resources and electronics, while the lowest paid technologists in Ontario work in civil engineering and biological science.

Technicians working in the fields of industrial quality control and metallurgy earned the highest salaries for technicians in Ontario, while those working in the fields of stationary engineering and biological sciences earned the lowest.

Ontario-based engineers who work for the federal government earned $59,250 in 1989. Professional engineers teaching at universities in Ontario earned the highest overall salaries at $68,000.

Lip-synching Amoah wins air band contest

By NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Writer

Andrew Amoah, a first-year journalism student, took the $50 first prize in the air band concert at Niagara College.

The young man who describes himself as "a walking encyclopedia of music," thrilled the audience of about 30 college students with a lip sync of Godfather of Soul James Brown's rendition of (I Got You) I Feel Good and Sam and Dave's Soul Man.

Without much in the way of costume, Andrew's improvisation brought him rave reviews from the crowd. Like James Brown, a rollicking Andrew with microphone held low, crooned to the audience on and off stage:"I feel good." Then, as if overcome by a frenzy, he rose to his feet, using his body to pound out the pulsating rhythm while echoing, "so good...so good..."

At times, he and his companion, Rob Mussat jumped on and off the platform as the Godfather would have done. The spotlight was stolen by Andrew's tossing aside his jacket and stomping through the audience, grinding his hips a la James Brown.

The $30 second prize went to Jack Lazoren who was accompanied by David Mio. They performed Aretha Franklin's Respect and Good Love. No cash was awarded to third place winners Jim Acassi and David Mio even though their "funny"impromptu imitation of David Wilcox's Downtown Came Uptown and Bad Apple won great approval. Both are executive members of the Student Administrative Council.

NO PLACE

Despite a crowd-pleasing performance of Scorpion's I Can't Explain and Good Love, Allan Parkoff and Rob Mussat did not win a place.

The contest was organized by SAC and put on during the Thursday afternoon mini-pub in the main cafeteria.

The air band contest was organized so as to arouse interest in students and to "showcase talent on the spot," David Mio said. Mio, a competitor, is vice-president of external affairs and is responsible for the contest.

Though many people did not turn up it was deemed a success after seeing the talent displayed by the few who made the last minute decision to take part. Flyers were put up around campus but no one registered.

Another air band contest is scheduled for the next mini-pub in two weeks. The same prizes will be offered but contestants will be expected to use more costumes. More people are expected to take part.

"I feel short, but I want to get a lot better turn out," Mio said. He said talent showcases such as the contest will help to motivate students. "Definitely would do away with students' apathy," he said.

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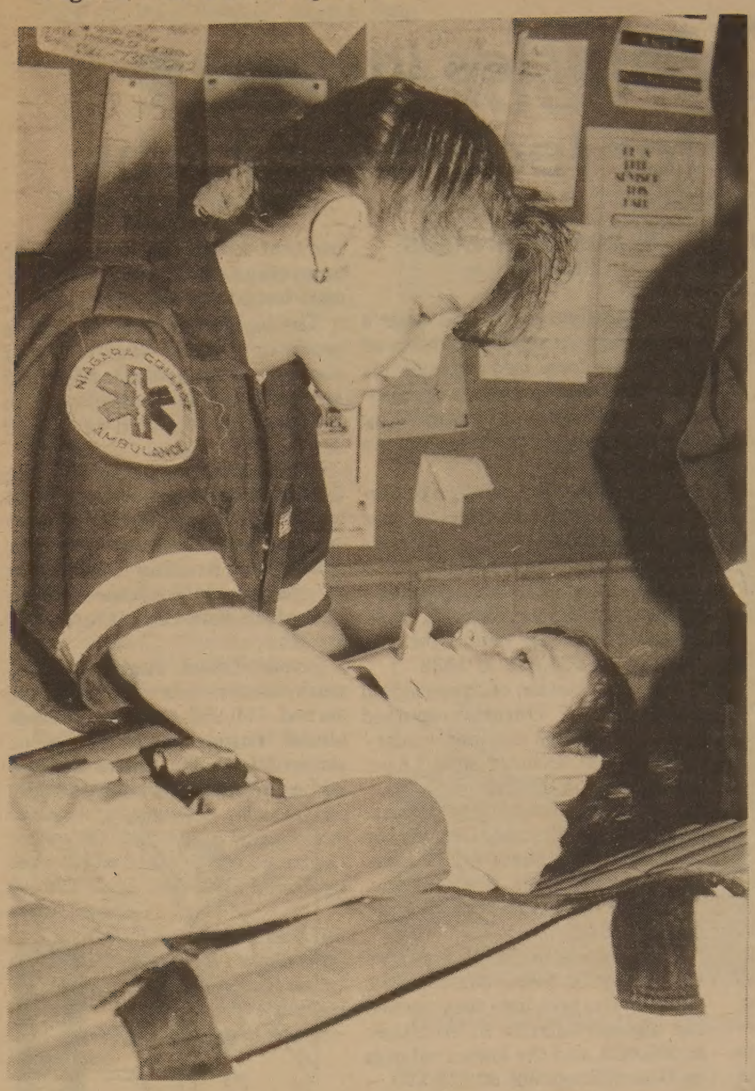

Does it hurt ?

Denise Henderson, first-year ambulance and emergency student, uses Kevin Torch as a dummy to show onlookers at the Open House Sunday, the Kendric Extraction Device. This is a procedure used to stabilize people so that they can be taken out of cars during an accident without causing further injuries.

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From Page One

Academic changes

Strategic Business Unit.

Bob Baddeley, Community Services Division, retains current post-secondary programs plus the Early Childhood Centre; Human Relations is transferred to Mr. McGregor.

Donna Cunningham, Nursing Division, retains her post-secondary and adult training programs.

Tony Backler, Technology Division, retains current post-secondary programs and technical mathematics courses; has Ontario Basic Skills transferred to Gail Hilyer; has Basic Training Skills Development and English as a Second Language to George Rowbottom; obtains Contruction Engineering Technology-Architecture and Stationary Engineering from George Rowbottom.

George Rowbottom, Manufacturing and Trades Division, retains Manufacturing/Mechanical Engineering Technology and Industrial Engineering Technician-Quality Control with a possible transfer to St. Catharines; transfer of Construction Engineering Technology-Architecture and Stationary Engineering to Tony Backler; receives BTSD and EASL from Tony Backler; retains all skilled trades programming associated with St. Catharines Campus with the exception of OBS; will have a permanent office in St. Catharines and assumes the additional role as a resident campus administrator.

Ivar Noren, Applied Arts Division, retains current post-secondary programs except Legal Assistant which is transferred to Neil McGregor, and retains Labor Studies and Management-Labor Relations.

Neil McGregor, Human Services Division, heads up a new division with programs from Dennis Malone: College Vocational, Academic Studies, General College, Health Sciences Preparatory, Journalism-Print; addition of Human Relations Program from Bob Baddeley, and Legal Assistant Program from Ivar Noren.

Andy Ferguson, Business Division, retains current Business post-secondary programs and Business Mathematics courses.

Gail Hilyer, Client Services Division, retains current Futures, OSDO and OS operations; addition of OBS program from Tony Backler; undertakes a major college initiative to achieve significant growth within the contract department which will also be responsible for Trades Update and Technician/Technologist Update.

Nancy Cain, Continuing Education Division, creation of a new division to achieve significant growth within a centralized structure of post-secondary MCU-funded credit and the existing Calendar Department; will include Administrative Support Services area with Darcy Ewanchuk.

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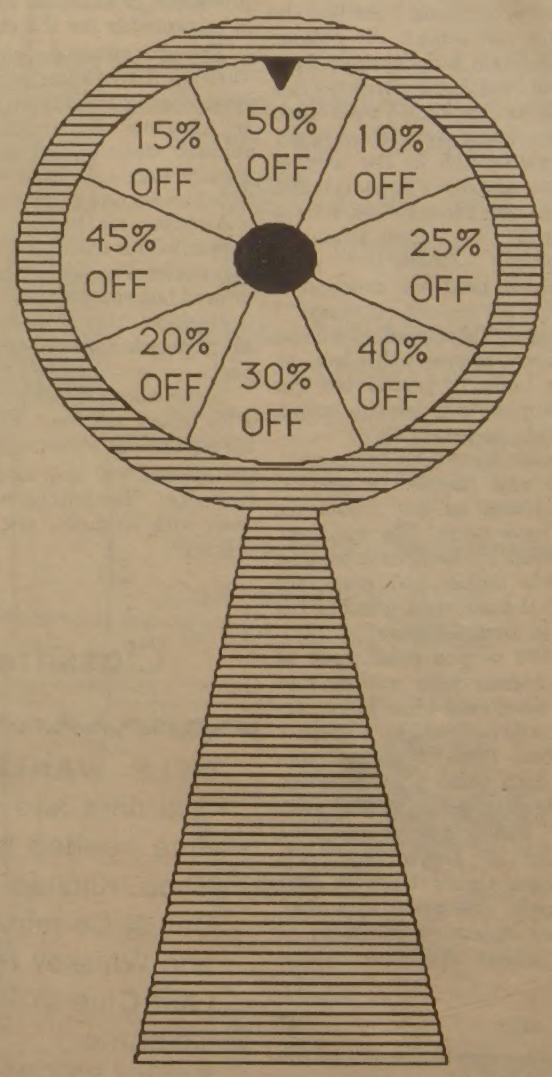

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